

DRAFT Minutes, Acton 2020

Minutes taken by Eric Solomon

October 22, 2014

In attendance:

Members:

Andy Brockway, Kat Hudson, Vickie Wallen, John Sonner, Eric Solomon

Town Staff: Roland Bartl, Kristin Guichard

Members of other town committees who were in attendance are listed below:

Green Acton, Deborah Symes (?)

Solid waste

Mentioned working with Cory York, Town Engineer

Green Acton mail list

Nancy Tavernier, Acton Community Housing Corp

Described what they do

54 Units of Affordable Housing

Housing gift funds plus CPA funds contribute to what they can do.

Gone goal is to support diversity

Housing production plan underway, owned by BoS and Planning Board

Currently Acton is at 6.5% toward a goal of 10% affordable housing (?)

With the Avalon project, we have 530 units and would need 850 to reach 10%

There isn't much chance we will reach 10%

Affordable housing doesn't always have to be 40b DHCD (?)

Have a Dec 11 meeting at town hall

Met. Area Planning Council (MAPC) is working on a housing production plan

The Massachusetts Housing Data Portal - www.housing.ma - has a lot of good info

Concord is at 10%

Kathy Acerbo Bachmann

Historical District Commission

About 200 properties

Mission is education, preserving houses, enhancing landscaping around properties

Also oversees signage, each district has its own signage as well as the town

Oversees mods to existing historical buildings

There's also an HC - Historical Commission, who oversee properties on cultural resources list outside of historical district

Works with MHC Mass Housing Commission

Peter Darlow, Holly Ben-Joseph, Design Review Board

Focuses mostly on new construction, special permits
Help guide development
Only has an advisory role, hope to change in the future to be more than advisory
Focus on commercial projects, or residential properties with at least 4 units
Looks at site plans, landscaping
Goal is to maintain towns character
Also get involved with renovations, such as Roche Bros plaza

Roland pointed out that the new CVS construction does not fit with the Acton 2020 plan but does fit into current zoning regulations

Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Terry Maitland
CPC Community Preservation Committee
Always includes a Conservation Committee member by law
Open Space Committee, Acton Conservation Trust
Works with Conservation Commission
Works toward acquiring land with CPA funds
Community house
Recreation, historical housing
Mentioned PCRC - Planned Conservation Residential Community

Transportation Advisory Committee, Bengt Muten
Advises town
Now starting to focus on bike friendly streets, Complete Streets
Various shuttles: Lowell Regional Transit Authority Roadrunner Service ,
Minuteman
CoA van is gone but now part of another service
Discussions with neighboring towns, cross town connect idea
Andy, Kat suggested that 2020 can possibly help with education outreach

Finance, Margaret Busse
Discussing stabilization funds, set aside funds that can be used
Town has \$10 million in reserves

Andy mentioned that Economic Development Commission is focusing on West Acton
Suggested that 2020 could serve as a central repository of information about what other committees are doing, Publicize, host events
2020 role is education, facilitation
2020 Implementation Committee is actually a new committee

Council on aging: Ann Corcoran (?) – not sure if I have that right